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## Unemployment Rates Increase in Most Metro Areas

*More than half of Illinois Metro areas have fewer jobs than a year ago*

### Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	Jan. 2017	Jan. 2016	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	6.1%	5.9%	0.2
Carbondale-Marion	7.0%	6.8%	0.2
Champaign-Urbana	6.1%	5.9%	0.2
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	5.8%	6.5%	-0.7
Danville	8.6%	8.2%	0.4
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	6.3%	6.7%	-0.4
Decatur	7.7%	7.7%	0.0
Elgin	7.2%	6.8%	0.4
Kankakee	8.3%	7.9%	0.4
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	6.5%	6.2%	0.3
Peoria	8.3%	7.7%	0.6
Rockford	11.1%	7.8%	3.3
Springfield	6.1%	5.9%	0.2
St. Louis (IL-Section)	6.6%	6.7%	-0.1
Illinois Statewide	6.5%	6.7%	-0.2

*\* Data subject to revision.*

**CHICAGO**—The majority of Illinois’ metropolitan (metro) areas experienced increases in their over-the-year unemployment rate. Five of the metro areas had increases in nonfarm jobs, eight reported declines, and one was unchanged, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES).

“Job losses outside of the Chicago area continue to hamper overall statewide job growth,” said IDES Director Jeff Mays. “The decrease in the Chicago and Quad Cities unemployment rate is again offset by increased unemployment rates in most of the other metro areas.”

Illinois businesses added jobs in five metro areas, in which the largest increases were seen in: Springfield (+2.0 percent, +2,200), Champaign (+0.7 percent, +700), and Elgin (+0.5 percent, +1,300). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division increased (+0.4 percent or +15,600). Illinois businesses lost jobs in eight metro areas including Peoria (-2.7 percent, -4,700), Rockford (-2.5 percent, -3,700), and Bloomington

(-2.4 percent, -2,200). The industry sectors recording job growth in the majority of metro areas were: Professional and Business Services (eight of 14) and Education and Health Services (eight of 14).

Not seasonally adjusted data compares January 2017 with January 2016. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 6.5 percent in January 2017 and stood at 12.2 percent at its peak in this economic cycle in January 2010. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.1 percent in January 2017 and 10.6 percent in January 2010 at its peak. The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and looking for work, and is not tied to collecting unemployment insurance benefits.

### Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – January 2017

Metropolitan Area	Jan. 2017*	Jan. 2016**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	90,500	92,700	-2,200
Carbondale-Marion MSA	55,600	55,900	-300
Champaign-Urbana MSA	107,200	106,500	700
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,645,100	3,629,500	15,600
Danville MSA	28,400	28,600	-200
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	180,700	179,900	800
Decatur MSA	50,500	50,800	-300
Elgin Metro Division	245,900	244,600	1,300
Kankakee MSA	43,600	43,600	0
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	396,500	400,200	-3,700
Peoria MSA	169,300	174,000	-4,700
Rockford MSA	145,000	148,700	-3,700
Springfield MSA	114,200	112,000	2,200
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	231,000	231,200	-200
Illinois Statewide	5,892,300	5,881,000	11,300

*\*Preliminary \*\*Revised*

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